

**House File 2321 - Introduced**

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BY THORUP

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the placement of books and other materials  
2 in city libraries.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 392.5, Code 2022, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. When residents of a city served by a  
4 library board express concern about a specific book or other  
5 material, the council may, by majority vote, overturn a library  
6 board's decision to place the book or other material in a  
7 particular location within the library. If the council votes  
8 to overturn the library board's decision, the council shall  
9 provide direction to the library board for placement of the  
10 book or other material, which may include placing the book or  
11 other material in a secure location and limiting check-out  
12 privileges for the book or other material to adults if the book  
13 or other material is considered sensitive in nature.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill relates to the placement of books and other  
18 materials in city libraries. The bill provides that when  
19 residents of a city served by a library board express concern  
20 about a specific book or other material, the city council may,  
21 by majority vote, overturn a library board's decision to place  
22 the book or other material in a particular location within a  
23 library. If the council votes to overturn the library board's  
24 decision, the council shall provide direction to the library  
25 board for placement of the book or other material, which may  
26 include placing the book or other material in a secure location  
27 and limiting check-out privileges for the book or other  
28 material to adults if the book or other material is considered  
29 sensitive in nature.